

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/337,916

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed 03/25/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 14, 16-18, 20, 24-25, 28-32, 34, 36-37, 71, 39-41, 70, 42, 44-45, 51-54, 56, 58-59, 61-63, 72-73, 64-65 and 67, have been renumbered as 1-36 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 June 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Geza C. Ziegler Jr. on 05/06/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 69, line 1, the statement "claim 15" has been changed to -- claim 14--

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14, 16-18, 20, 24-25, 28-32, 34, 36-37, 71, 39-41, 70, 42, 44-45, 51-54, 56, 58-59, 61-63, 72-73, 64-65 and 67, have been renumbered as 1-38 respectively.

Claims 1-38 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Watanabe, U.S patent No. 6,310,897, discloses a method and system for encoding multiplexer/decoding demultiplexer information, and Anderson et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,026,506 discloses a method of concealing errors in transport stream data. Both Watanabe and Anderson et al. do not teach or fairly suggest the following features, which are recited in each independent claim of the present application:

A method of demultiplexing a multiplexed signal, said multiplexed signal comprising packet data units, the packet data units including data packets belonging

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different logical channels, the packet data units being delimited by framing flags, the method comprising:

searching for said framing flags from a received multiplexed signal and de-framing the packet data units with reference to the framing flags;

demultiplexing the data packets belonging to the different logical channels from the packet data units and assembling them into demultiplexed signals,

detecting invalidity of a demultiplexed signal by examining errors encountered while de-framing the packet data units;

adding error location to the demultiplexed signal, the error location information indicating the location of erroneous bits in the demultiplexed signal; and

forwarding a demultiplexed signal to a corresponding decoder for the logical channel and further providing the decoder with an error type indication for use by the decoder during decoding of the demultiplexed signal to enable recovery from the error as recited in claims 1, 21 and 36.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thai D. Hoang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3184. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10:00am-18:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on (571) 272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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